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PRESS RELEASE

LOUISIANA TO ASSIST IN TENNESSEE DISASTER

BATON ROUGE, LA (August 9, 2010) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has deployed two Public Assistance Specialists and two Hazard Mitigation Specialists to Tennessee to assist with recovery efforts from the tornadoes and flooding that occurred in May 2010.

Tennessee made the request through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) which is a formal agreement that allows states in need to draw assistance from other states.

"As always, we are happy to assist our neighboring states in times of disaster," said GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper. "Tennessee has selflessly supported Louisiana through our own disasters including the sheltering of thousands of Louisiana residents during Hurricane Gustav. As Governor Bobby Jindal has made clear, we will do all that we can to support other states in their times of need given our own experiences in responding to and recovering from disasters."

The employees will assist with public assistance applications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and they will review mitigation project proposals. The specialists will be deployed for thirty days.

Tennessee received a Presidential Disaster Declaration on May 4, 2010 because of flooding that caused damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure.

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